1987-88 was designed to meet the tar-getted export of 24 lakh tonnes. However, actual exports were only 17..09 lakh tonnes due to refusal/non-lifting of substantial quantities by Romania, Japan and Yugoslavia. This led to MMTC having a stock of 16.50 lakh tonnes at loading stations and Paradip Port on 1-4-1988, which was sufficient to take care of export commitments during 1988-89.

(c) MMTC is offering attractive discount in sale prices for export from Paradip Port, and taking steps to diversify exports of iron ore in world market, particularly Middle East, China etc. As a long term measure, draft project report is being prepared for deepening of Paradeep Port and improving infrastructure for accommodating larger s[iz]e vessels.

Export of Iron Ore from different Ports

1077. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU; Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state;

(a) what is port-wise projection of export of iron ore during 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91;

(b)what are the details of the achievement made in this regard during 1989-90; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to increase the export of iron ore port-wise so that the target is ach ieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Port-wise projections for export ot iron ore during years 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91 are as under: —

(Qty. in Million Tonnes^

PORTS	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
	5.70	5.70	6.00
	5.20	5.20	5.50
	1.28	1.28	2.00
New Mangalore	4.70	5.50	6.oa
Mormugno (Including Redi & Belekeri) .	15.74	16.83	16.50
	32.62	34.51	36 00

(b) Port-wise provisional exports of iron ore during the current financial year (upto 31st January, 1989) are as under;

(quantity in mmion Tonnes;

Port	QUANTITY
	5.647
Madras	4.597
Paradip	1.460
New Mangalore	3.819
Cca (including Redi & Belekeri)	10.271
T OTAL	25.79

(c) Market diversification, improvement in i nfrastructural facilities at major ports, tying up of export sales through long term agreements with major buyers of iron ore, extension of benefits of 100 per cent EOU scheme to mining and integrated projects involving mining etc. are some of the step$_s$ to increase export of iron ore in order to achieve the targets.

Export of Iron ore to China

1078. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the year since when China has been importing iron ore from India;